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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tobacco Product Manufacturers

FROM: Daniel Walsh
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RE: Georgia tobacco reporting and escrow payment requirements pursuant to
O.C.G.A. §§ 10-13-1, *et seq* and 10-13A-3 for the 2011 sales year

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Tobacco Product Manufacturers selling in Georgia are required to file an annual certification with the Attorney General and provide certain information, including a list of brands, by **April 30**. Tobacco product manufacturers who are not participants in the Master Settlement Agreement of November 23, 1998 (“Non-Participating Manufacturers”) are required to place an amount of money into escrow by **April 16** based on the number of cigarettes or “roll-your-own” tobacco sold in Georgia in 2011 and to certify their compliance.

In order to help you with the required certifications, this office has created new forms and posted them on the internet. The required forms may be retrieved from the web at <http://law.ga.gov> or from this office by contacting Cindy Augustin at 404-463-1749 or caugustin@law.ga.gov. The following forms and information must be submitted:

**ALL TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS MUST SUBMIT BY
APRIL 30, 2012:**

- Tobacco Product Manufacturer's Certification Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 10-13A-3 for the 2011 Sales Year and Request for Listing in Georgia Directory of Compliant Tobacco Product Manufacturers in 2012 (Form AG-03)

**ADDITIONALLY, ONLY NON-PARTICIPATING MANUFACTURERS
MUST SUBMIT BY APRIL 30, 2012:**

- NPM Appointment of Registered Agent for Georgia and Registered Agent's Statement (Form AG-02)
- Proof of escrow deposit(s) made on or before April 16, 2012 from bank or other financial institution.
- Copy of escrow agreement, unless you have already sent us a copy of your current agreement.

Tobacco product manufacturers that have not returned the required certification and supporting paperwork on or before April 30, 2012 will not be listed or will be removed from the Directory. **Cigarettes and Roll-your-Own tobacco made by manufacturers that are not listed in the Directory cannot be sold in Georgia.**